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in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. September 16, steamship *Hiram*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. September 17, steamship *Geo. Dumois*; crew, 18; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

S. H. BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *September 25, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended June 25, 1902:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 18, steamship *Anselm*, number of crew, 41; number of passengers from this port, 5; number of passengers in transit, 18; pieces of baggage disinfected, 10. September 19, steamship *Bratten*; number of crew, 15; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

S. H. BACKUS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON GENERAL.

JAPAN.

Cholera in Okayama.

KOBE, JAPAN, *August 21, 1902.*

SIR: I beg to confirm my telegram reading thus:

KOBE, JAPAN, *August 28, 1902.*

SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington, D. C.*: Cholera, Okayama.—LYON.

Also to inclose a clipping from the Kobe Chronical descriptive of the cholera outbreak at Okayama.

The city of Okayama is situated about 72 miles from this port, and from the prefecture of Okayama much matting and straw braid is sent to Kobe for shipment to the United States, but none from the prefecture is allowed to leave Kobe, unless it is shown not to have come within 5 miles of Okayama City since the cholera outbreak.

Shippers are now required to make oath that the mattings and straw-braid sent by them have not come within 5 miles of the city of Okayama since July 15 last. I also inclose copy of notice sent out to shippers at this port.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL S. LYON,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.